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Sir/Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Official Action dated July 14, 2004, which set forth a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on October 14, 2004. Submitted with the present Response is a Request for Extension of Time of one month, thereby increasing the time for responding to the outstanding Office Action to November 15, 2004 (November 14 being a Sunday), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.